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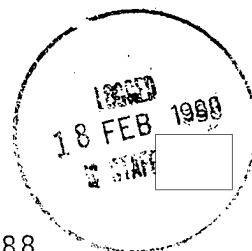
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Mr. Robert M. Gates  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency

February 12, 1988

Dear Bob:

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In recent years INR and the Agency have worked together in funding contract research and conferences for our mutual benefit. Because of State's resource constraints, INR's FY 1988 budget for external analysis is a mere \$200,000. About \$125,000 is obligated. We have over \$400,000 worth of requirements chasing the remaining \$75,000 and urgent and important new requirements can be expected.

I feel confident that most of the projects on our unfunded list deal with matters of concern to the Agency. Indeed, most address a National Intelligence Topic. Many are low cost conferences and these always have served broad Community interests as well as those of State policymakers.

The list of unfunded projects is enclosed. While I realize that the Agency's budget also is constrained, I hope there might be room in it to support this program. A transfer of funds that we could apply flexibly would be of greatest help. We would, of course, work closely with relevant CIA offices in implementing the program. Our contracting office's procurement deadlines, which begin in March for projects costing more than \$25,000, mean that we will need to inform them soon which projects can be funded this fiscal year.

Please let me know if the Agency can help in this regard. Questions about specific projects can be answered by Kenneth Roberts (632-6080) or Ray Platig (632-2025) in our Office of Research. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Morton I. Abramowitz

Enclosure:

Proposed Projects



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